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Mr. Manabu Tagomori, Deputy Director
Department of Land and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 621
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Dear Mr. Tagomori:

Application for Stream Channel Alteration Permit
Mahinahina Stream
Lahaina, Hawaii

The Environmental Center has conducted a brief in-house review of the above application with the assistance of Carolyn D. Cook.

This project involves development of a concrete-lined channel and culvert for the Mahinahina phase of the Honolua Watershed Project and will cover an area of approximately 90 square feet. One of the first items of concern to us as we review projects involving stream channel alterations is the history of the stream and its habitat. In this case, the information was not included in the application. We have been able to conclude that the project will probably have no significant detrimental environmental impact because we succeeded in locating information about Mahinahina Stream elsewhere. It would be helpful to reviewers if applicants would provide more stream flow information, habitat data, and stream history.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the application.

Yours truly,

John T. Harrison, Ph.D.
Environmental Coordinator

cc: OEQC
L. Stephen Lau
Carolyn D. Cook